



Because you've been there, yourself...share your experiences with others who are going through difficult times right now.

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Parent-to-Parent Support Program

at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital
Neonatal Intensive Care Unit



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Matching families with similar experiences and/or needs can make a positive difference in the lives of families who are struggling.



The **Parent-to-Parent Support Program** initiates a connection of a parent whose baby was in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) with a parent whose baby (with similar needs) is currently in the NICU at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital.



Parent Supporters

Are you able to be a parent supporter?

TO BE A PARENT SUPPORTER, CANDIDATES MUST QUALIFY:

- Parents must have had an infant who needed special care while in the NICU at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital.
- Parents must have an intimate experience and understanding of having a child with unique needs of any kind, to support at home and in the community.
- Parents must be willing to share their experiences and knowledge with other families who have babies with similar needs from the NICU.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF A PARENT SUPPORTER:

- Fulfill required training by the Parent-to-Parent of Pennsylvania program and Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital NICU.
- Establish contact with your partnered parent, which is established by the Parent-to-Parent of Pennsylvania program.
- Share your experiences and knowledge with your assigned parent, and be available to them for questions and concerns.

WE ENCOURAGE YOUR PARTICIPATION!

For more information, contact Parent to Parent of Pennsylvania at 1-888-727-2706 or parenttoparent.org.



Interested in becoming a "Parent Supporter?"

Help other parents who are facing the challenges you are all too familiar with, having been in their shoes, yourself.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

First, you'll need to contact Parent-to-Parent of Pennsylvania (1-888-727-2706) to let them know of your interest in becoming a Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital NICU Parent Supporter.

Next, Parent-to-Parent will conduct an intake conversation with you, the interested Parent Supporter.

Finally, the Parent Supporter candidate will complete a Parent-to-Parent of Pennsylvania online training course, and in-person NICU training.

